



{In Archive} RE: Seward Coal Terminal 

Julie Congdon to: russmaddox

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Hi, Russ -

Thank you for the information--I will forward it on to the compliance officer who is reviewing the complaint.

I can get a copy of the Seward Terminal's SWPPP. However, the 2008 Multi-Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities (MSGP -2008) is due to be issued imminently in EPA-Region 10 *, and the Seward Terminal is in the process of developing/updating their Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to meet the new requirements outlined in the MSGP -2008. Do you want a copy of their current SWPPP or would you rather wait to see their revised SWPPP? Please let me know and I will submit a request to them.

Regards - Julie

** The MSGP-2008 is not yet issued for industrial facilities located in Alaska and Idaho; for Federal Facilities in Washington State; or for facilities located within Indian Country located in ID, WA and OR. EPA Region 10 must request final certification of the MSGP from each state and certain tribal governments in accordance with Clean Water Act Section 401. Final certification of the MSGP may result in additional state- or tribal-specific permit requirements for facilities located in these areas. Existing MSGP permit coverage for facilities in AK, ID, WA and Indian Country will be administratively continued until EPA completes this Sec. 401 certification process.*

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To Julie Congdon/R10/USEPA/US@EPA

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Subject RE: Seward Coal Terminal

Hi Julie,

I spoke with Marc Peterson of the RR and he says that they do have a SWPPP but only for Roundhouse Pond. He says Aurora Energy has (or should have) a SWPPP for the ditch downstream to the bay. Today I went and walked the site and found an additional ditch that runs east from city property into the ditch on RR property that runs alongside the West side of the coal stockpile down to

the fish screen then through the culvert and out to the bay. This newly found ditch drains from a boat work area into the coal dust ditch then to the bay. So this appears to me that the city's ditch empties in to the RR ditch which really confuses responsibility. It seems that the RR/Aurora Energy/City of Seward should coordinate their SWPPPs since it appears they all contribute to the same discharge. Any luck finding any SWPPPs for this area? Should I file a FOIA request? With EPA or the RR or Aurora? Please advise.

Thanks for all of your efforts on behalf of our environment.

Regards, Russ

--- On Tue, 12/9/08, Congdon.Julie@epamail.epa.gov
<Congdon.Julie@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

> From: Congdon.Julie@epamail.epa.gov <Congdon.Julie@epamail.epa.gov>
> Subject: RE: Seward Coal Terminal
> To: russmaddox@Exemption 6
> Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 12:28 PM
> Hello, Russ -

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> I can enter this into our complaint database and see if a
> compliance
> officer can follow up on it. Do you have any photos of the
> site and of any
> runoff coming from the site into local waterways? Any and
> all other
> details you have about the site would be helpful.

> Regards - Julie

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> Russ Maddox <russmaddox@Exemption 6>
> 12/09/2008 08:21 AM

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> To
> "Ashton, William S \ (DEC\)"
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> Congdon/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
> cc

> Subject
> RE: Seward Coal Terminal

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> Hello,
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> I am not sure of the corporate structure but the terminal
> operator is
> Aurora Energy now which is some sort of partnership between
> the Usibelli
> coal mine in Healy, a coal-fired power plant in Fairbanks,
> and the ARRC.
> Before that it was Suneel Corp from Korea that owned it.
> Perhaps permits
> are in other names?
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> The transfer facility and coal terminal have been in
> operation for almost
> 20 years now. There have been numerous fugitive dust issues
> over the years
> which culminated in multiple NOV's in '07. That was when
> we found out the
> baghouses had never even been operational. So far this year
> they have
> managed to use the weather to their advantage, when its
> wet, dust is not
> an issue, and its been a very wet year in Seward.
> Uncontrolled runoff and
> discharges is now my primary concern.
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> I appreciate your attention on this issue. Please let me
> know if you find
> any permits for the facility.
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> Thanks for all of your efforts on behalf of our
> environment.
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> Regards, Russ
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> --- On Mon, 12/8/08, Ashton, William S (DEC)
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> wrote:
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> > From: Ashton, William S (DEC)
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> > Subject: RE: Seward Coal Terminal
> > To: russmaddox@Exemption 6
> > Cc: "Julie Congdon"
> <congdon.julie@epa.gov>
> > Date: Monday, December 8, 2008, 5:47 PM
> > Hi,
> >
> > In my initial search I did not find a MSGP SWPPP for
> the
> > Alaska
> > Railroads' Seward Coal Terminal.
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> > Julie, Please search your records for an NOI for the
> MSGP
> > for the
> > Alaska Railroad.
> >

> > Thanks
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> > William Ashton
> > Stormwater/Wetlands
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> > -----Original Message-----
> > From: Russ Maddox [mailto:russmaddox@Exemption 6]
> > Sent: Monday, December 08, 2008 2:36 PM
> > To: Ashton, William S (DEC)
> > Subject: Seward Coal Terminal
> >
> > Hi Bill,
> >
> > Does Aurora Energy/Alaska Railroad have a SWPPP or
> > NPDES
> > for the
> > facility's runoff and discharges? You were just
> > recommended as the person
> > who can answer this question for me.
> >
> > Thanks for all of your efforts on behalf of our
> > environment.
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> > Regards, Russ